are released to the States/UTs on the basis of their Work Plans. The Scheme was evolved by merging 27 ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes with a view to accord greater flexibility to the States to develop and pursue agriculture activities on the basis of their regional priorities to increase Agriculture Product ion. Funds as provided and approved by Planning Commission are released to States on tne basis of average assistance provided during the first 3 years of Ninth Plan under 27 component schemes, the performance of the Slates as well as unspent balances with the States. The funds released to the States/UTs during the three years are given below:—

Year	Release (Rs. In lakhs)
2000-01	57720.00
2001-02	63122.10
2002-03	58600.00

(c) The Government has been emphasizing crop diversification keeping in view the soil health problems being encountered by growing exhaustive crops like cereals followed by cereals. This is intended to conserve the natural resources with sustainability in agriculture. The States of Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh etc. are being encouraged to diversify towards pulses, oilseeds and horticulture crops.

Request for Banning Cow Slaughter

†3714. SHRI LAJPAT RAJ:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a request has been sent by Government to all the concerned departments to bring a bill in the Parliament for imposing a countrywide ban on cow slaughter;

(b) if so, the details of such request;

(c) the names of the departments to which such request was sent together ith the dates on which it was sent;

(d) whether any time-limit for completion of work has been mentioned in request; and

†The original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (e) As per the Constitutional provisions, the preservation of cattle falls in the State List and therefore the States are having exclusive powers to legislate on the subject. Even then the Government of India is examining the matter.

Campaign for diverting area for cash crops

3715. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any special campaign to divert area from cereal crops to high value cash crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the target fixed for various States for the next three years;

(c) the grants given to various States under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture Scheme during the last three years; and

(d) how far the campaign has been successful in increasing area under cash crops or high value crops like basmati rice, fruits etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A Statement is enclosed *(See* below).

(d) Though no campaign has been launched, yet due to economic considerations and profitability, area under basmati rice and fruit crops is increasing.

Statement

Releases made to States/UTs under the Scheme Macro Management of Agriculture during the last three years

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	States/UTs	2000-01*	2001-02	2002-03
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2252.17	2250.00	1900,'
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	534.00	219.50	*46*
3.	Assam	492.06	523.50	